

# TWO BIG RUSSIAN ARMIES ARE NOW OVERRUNNING AUSTRIA

defeated an English cavalry brigade.

"The River Semois, Longwy, and the greater part of the Belgo-French frontier, are in German hands.

"A concentric advance of all the German army toward Paris is probable."

## Namur and Five Forts in German Hands

BERLIN, Aug. 25 [by wireless telegraphy to the Associated Press, by way of Nauen, Germany, and Sayville, L. I.]—An official announcement, made public here to-day, says that the city of Namur and five of its forts have been captured by the Germans.

The bombardment of the four other forts continues, and their fall seems imminent.

PARIS, Aug. 25 [United Press].—Driven to their own fortifications, the French and British armies were to-day strictly on the defensive. Against their lines the great tidal wave of Germans beat with tremendous force.

Fresh columns of German troops have been rushed through to the attack, while the regiments that carried the day yesterday have been withdrawn to rest and to refill their shattered columns.

The German assault was admittedly as tremendous to-day as it was on Saturday, when the first great battle began.

Namur has fallen. The great fortress, depended on to hold out for weeks, collapsed in three days. The German line, outspread like a giant fan, has enveloped the entire Belgian-French, German-French frontiers.

Against the gaps in the chain of fortresses thousands of Germans are being hurled. The French and English,

hidden in hastily constructed entrenchments, are striving with desperation to hold their lines.

The War Office says they will hold. But it made the same promise about Namur and there is grave apprehension that at last the Germans are going to break through and that a real invasion of France will follow.

The official bulletins to-day contain no informative details of the situation. The present position is referred to as the "secondary defense," but just where the strongest pressure is being faced is not stated. But the War Office insists, as on yesterday, that the general plan of defense is working out.

"The battle continues along the secondary lines of defense," says the statement, "and the allied forces will hold this line while the Russian forces move in the general direction of Berlin."

The General Staff makes no explanation of the fall of Namur, but it is understood that the forts were simply overwhelmed. From the moment that they came under fire late on Friday there was no let up. Night and day the German bombardment continued and finally one of the chain was carried by storm.

Then the Germans were able to mount their artillery inside of this fort and to reduce the others one by one, according to the stories told about the War Office. A complete statement of the facts is promised soon.

## Fall of Namur Accounts for Retreat of Allies

LONDON, Aug. 25 [United Press].—Explanations for the fall of Namur are lacking. Military experts are at a loss to account for the capture of the city after a bombardment of only three days.

The Namur fortifications were even greater than those at Liege. All approaches to the steel and concrete forts were heavily mined and barbed wire entanglements were everywhere. The military expert of the Daily Express declares the fall of Namur "incomprehensible."

"It was one of the inexplicable events that make war a gamble," says the Times expert. "The possession of Namur was as vital for Germany as for the allies, and it was a fine stroke for the Germans to have rushed the place under the eyes of the allies. The retreat from the Sambre implies a retreat from the Meuse and an open door for the advance of the German army corps which has been on the march to Bastogne and the south."

The fall of Namur appears to explain the retirement of the French and English forces to covering positions, which at first was accounted for only by the official statement that the attack of the allies had failed "owing to unforeseen difficulties."

With the fall of Namur the allies could not have hoped to hold their line of the Sambre.

It is again reported that Nancy has been taken by the Germans and that they are now in overwhelming force in the Department of Meurthe-et-Moselle.

MILAN (via Paris), Aug. 25.—A news despatch from Cattaro says that all of the fortifications there have been destroyed by the allied fleet. The Austrians did not have time before the attack to strew the Gulf of Cattaro with mines.

## War Moves of the Allies Told by French Embassy

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25 (United Press).—The French Embassy announces that the French army still holds Altkirch and Muelhausen. The allies, following a defeat by the Germans, have firmly established themselves at a point west of the place where the great battle was fought, and France and England are not disheartened by the reverses.

It is explained that the allies originally assumed an offensive position and this failed. A line of retreat was found necessary and the intrenchments to the west of their original position were set up. In the despatches to the embassy the names of all generals and cities are left out.

The defeat of the allies was due to the superior numbers of the German opposition, the despatches stated, declaring the Germans were massed in bulk.

The position the allies now occupy was said to be impregnable.

The Second Division of the French army suffered rather severely, the cable stated, but the bulk of the division was reported in good condition and not in the least discouraged. German losses have been very high, the despatches said, especially among the advance guard.

## British Loss Is 2,000, Sir John French Says

LONDON, Aug. 25 [United Press].—That the British troops have greatly aided the French and have been able to maintain their positions in the face of fierce German attacks was announced by Premier Asquith in the House of Commons this afternoon.

"The enemy pressed our troops hard," said the Premier, "but they were shaken off. It is undesirable to say anything more at this time than was made public by the French War Office last night."

"I can say, however, that the French Government says that the British troops, despite hard marching and desperate fighting, are in the best of spirits. The Government has no list of casualties to make public at this time."

The Premier said the British losses in the fighting in southwestern Belgium are estimated at 2,000 by Field Marshal Sir John French, commander of the British expeditionary force.

## 25,000 German Troops Reported Surrounded

LONDON, Aug. 25 [Associated Press].—A despatch to the Express from Ostend says: A great battle has been in progress in the province of Hainaut, on the southern frontier of Belgium, since Friday evening. French and British troops have been engaged in desperate conflicts north of Charleroi and Fleurus with Germans who crossed the Meuse at Huy.

Saturday French troops, which had spread from Lille, met the German right in East Flanders.

Desperate fighting between outposts took place at Oudenarde and Renaix. The losses were heavy on both sides Monday.

Twenty-five thousand Germans have been surrounded between Courtrai and Anseghen, a town six miles west of Oudenarde. Fighting was progressing Sunday at Perennes, between Mone and Dinche and between Wateghem and Oudenarde.

The Handelsblaet says that since Monday no Germans have been in Brussels. Arrivals from Liege state that many houses there were burned last week. German soldiers have inscribed on the walls of the city: "William II., Emperor of Europe."

PARIS, Aug. 25 [Associated Press].—A despatch to the Excelsior from Courtrai says that the Emperor's nephew, Count von Schwerin, has been taken prisoner. He was in command of a detachment of uhlans who reached Harlebeke. French chasseurs being informed of the presence of the Germans, arrived on the scene and killed one, wounded five and made prisoners of the others.

A despatch from Geneva says that a business man who has just returned from Strassburg gives his impressions, which are printed in the Tribune. He says that the garrison of Strassburg was practically annihilated in the battle of Schirmeck. Of 5,500 men who went into the fight only 1,800 returned. Four German batteries were put out of action before they were able to fire a shot.

## Two Russian Armies Sweep Into Austria

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 25 [United Press].—The Russian invasion of Austria by two armies, co-operating across a wide stretch of territory, continues. An Austrian cavalry division is reported to have been routed by Cossacks in a fight near the frontier town of Podwoloczyska, the Cossacks taking many prisoners.

The general Austrian movement is in co-operation with the forces operating across Eastern Prussia.

It is stated at the War Office that the operations in Prussia and Austria are now so well developed that a general engagement is imminent.

The Russian forces have not penetrated any of the main Prussian fortifications, the brunt of the fighting along the railroad extending westward from Eydtkuhnen to Insternburg having taken place in the open country.

The War Office has warned Russians not to expect too much at the outset. The main lines of the German fortifications are very strong, and their reduction will be a difficult and costly task.

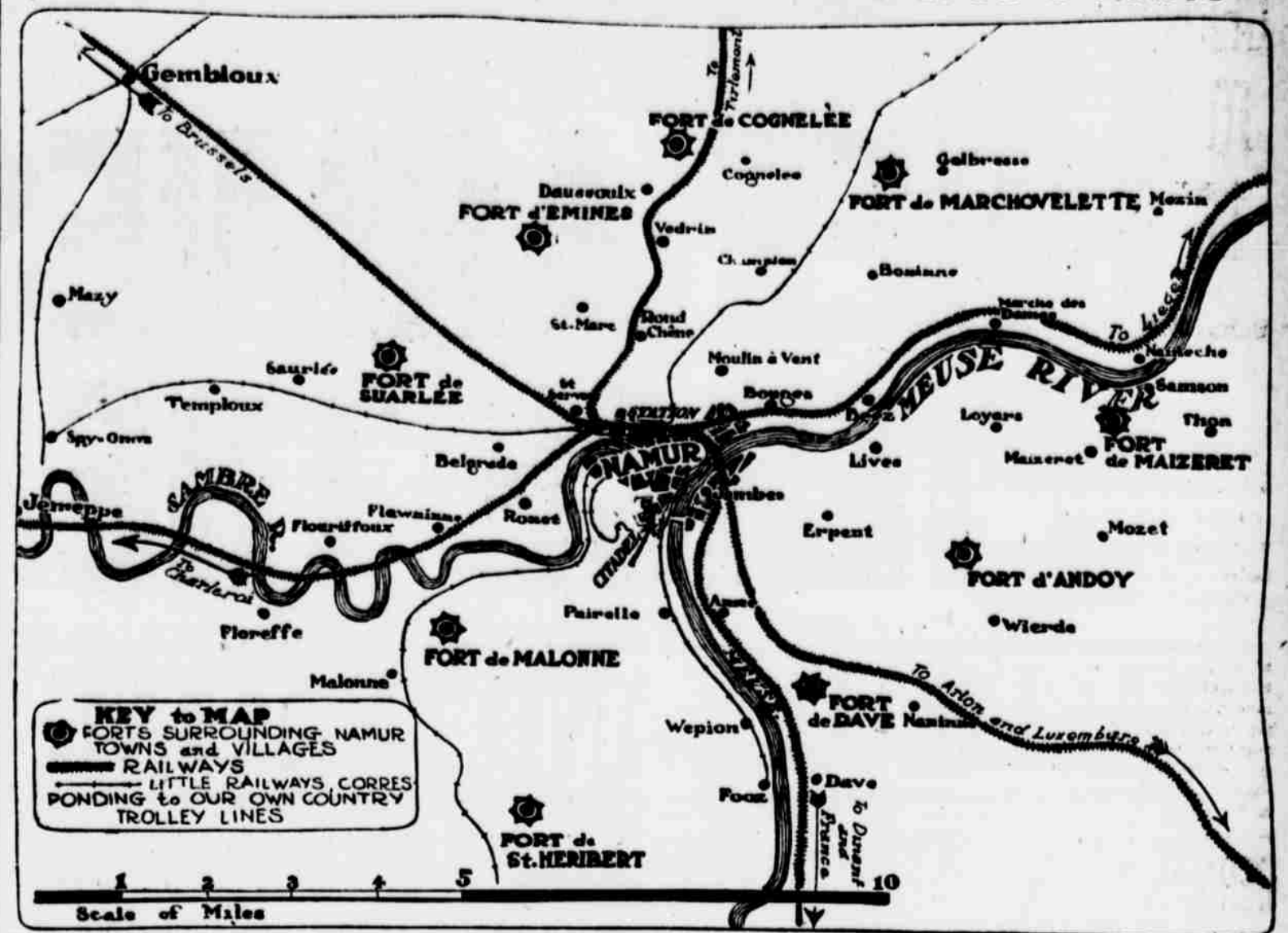
ROME (via London), Aug. 25.—A despatch to the Corriere d'Italia from Antivari, Montenegro, says the fortifications of Cattaro, the Austrian seaport in Dalmatia, on the Adriatic, have been completely destroyed and that the Austrian commander is now parleying for terms of surrender.

The bombardment of Cattaro was conducted by a fleet of the Allies.

The War Office announces that the Russian forces have now occupied several passages of the lower Karpathian Mountains and are in force between the mountains and the Sereth River. The Austrians are falling back rapidly before the Russian offense, the official bulletin says.

PARIS, Aug. 25 [Associated Press].—A despatch received here from St. Petersburg sets forth that Russian troops, following up their advantages in Galicia, have captured sev-

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eral passes south of Tarnopol, on the Sereth River. Tarnopol is eighty miles to the east of Lemberg.

A division of Austrian cavalry has been routed in Galicia at a point close to the frontier. The Russians captured two batteries of artillery and 200 prisoners.

BERLIN (via Copenhagen and London), Aug. 25.—A war correspondent on the staff of the Lokal Anzeiger has sent a telegram to his paper from the Eastern theatre of war. His message is dated Aug. 24, and says:

"While from the west comes news of a victorious advance, something similar has been prepared here. The Russians were defeated at Stallupoenen [a town of East Prussia, 16 miles to the east of Gumbinnen] on Aug. 21 and Aug. 22. The returning wounded of the cavalry division say the Russians were greatly superior numerically."

"They had at least two divisions of cavalry and their infantry was stronger. Cavalry charges were frequent. The Russian infantry shot badly. They sighted their rifles for 1,200 metres when they were at close quarters, which occurred frequently."

## Servia Routs the Austrians and Begins War Reprisals

NISH, Servia, Aug. 25—via London—(Associated Press).—Servian troops recaptured Sabac (Shabatz) at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, according to an official announcement made to-day. The Austrians had entered the city on Aug. 15.

The Austrians have been thrown back on the other bank of the River Save, and every bit of Servian territory has now been cleared of the enemy.

The announcement adds that the retreating Austrians devastated Servian villages and massacred the inhabitants.

Sabac is on the River Save, twenty-seven miles west of Belgrade.

NISH, Servia, Aug. 25—(United Press).—The Government has filed a formal protest with the neutral powers charging that the Austrians who have been defeated in the various positions along the Drina committed various atrocities upon the inhabitants of the region through which they fled.

The War Office announces that the Servian troops have now assumed the aggressive and are driving the Austrians before them in a semi-rout.

According to the information made public the Austrian Twenty-eighth, Twenty-first, Eleventh and One Hundred and Second Austrian regiments were practically annihilated and all of their officers either killed or captured.

PARIS, Aug. 25—via London—(Associated Press).—That Servia is preparing to wage a war of no quarter to her enemies is indicated in a note sent by Servia to the French Government protesting against the alleged order from the headquarters of the Austrian army to burn Servian crops and to fire Servian villages all along the Austrian line of march.

This note says further that in view of Austrian cruelties to Servian troops it will be very difficult to restrain the Servians from measures of revenge, and that the Servian government finds itself constrained to take all measures of reprisal compatible with international law.

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Arcadian...Liverpool...8 A.M.	Arachoe...Jacksonville...1 P.M.
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Tenadores...Cristobal...9 A.M.	City of Colum...Savannah...3 P.M.
Havana...Havana...11 A.M.	

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## COMMITTEE ASKS SHIPS FOR AMERICANS ABROAD

Transportation, Not Gold, Is Needed, State Department Representative Is Told.

A committee of the passengers of the Italian steamship Principe di Udine, the privately chartered refugee ship which got in yesterday with many distinguished New Yorkers aboard, met Wilbur J. Carr of the State Department at Washington at the Hotel Baltimore this afternoon to give him, and through him the Department, first hand information concerning the plight of Americans still in the war zone. The committee, of which Dock Commissioner R. A. C. Smith is chairman, had requested the State Department to send a representative here to receive its report on conditions abroad.

The committee told Mr. Carr that the first consideration was the sending of ships to the various ports of Europe to rescue stranded tourists; this was even more necessary than the forwarding of gold, they say. Hundreds who had money enough to get home could not get transportation out of Europe.

The committee consisted of R. A. C. Smith, President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia, Henry Burnett of Louisville, Ky.; William G. Freire of Dayton, Judge Edwin Gager, of Derby, Conn.; Charles C. Hoyt, of Brookline, Mass.; ex-Mayor George McClellan, Prof. William R. Newbold of Philadelphia, Dr. Stewart Patton of Princeton, Jacob G. Schlamm of Cincinnati and Landon Thorne, of Augusta, Ga.

## POLICE BULLETS STOP INSANE CONVICT'S FLIGHT

PATERSON, N. J., Aug. 25.—William Walls, an insane convict, who escaped from the Morris Plains Asylum Aug. 10, was captured this afternoon by three policemen after an exciting chase during which the police-

man fired several shots to intimidate the fugitive.

Walls was sentenced to the Rahway Reformatory last year for robbing houses, but was transferred to the asylum as insane. Walls was caught trying to escape from the asylum and was ordered to undress and go to bed. While the warder and keeper had their backs turned Walls yelled to them to throw up their hands. On turning they found a revolver leveled at them. They made a rush for Walls and he discharged the revolver, shooting Collins. Carroll closed in on him before he could fire a second shot and the lunatic was overpowered. Collins subsequently recovered from his wound.

Two months later Walls removed part of the frame of a window in his ward and dropping fifteen feet to the ground got away. He told his captors to-day that since his escape a week ago he had been living in the woods and his appearance bore out his statement.

## DIED.

MCCARTHY.—On Sunday, Aug. 23, CORNELIUS J. MCCARTHY, member of United Company No. 2, beloved husband of Sadie McCarthy (nee Connolly). Funeral Wednesday, 10 A. M., from his late residence, No. 424 Wythe ave., Brooklyn; thence to the Epiphany Church, 2d ave. and 21st st., Manhattan, where a solemn requiem mass will be offered for the repose of his soul. Interment Calvary.

MULDOON.—On Aug. 23, PATRICK R. MULDOON, beloved husband of Grace Muldoon (nee Kavanagh), native of Rossmore, County Tyrone, Ireland. Funeral from his late residence, 553 East 125th st., Wednesday, 9 A. M.

PINCHOT.—At Saugutuck, Conn., in the seventy-seventh year of her age, MARY ENO PINCHOT, widow of James W. Pinchot. Services at the home of her brother, William P. Eno, at Saugutuck, on Wednesday morning, Aug. 26, at 10 o'clock. Interment at Milford, Pa.

LOST, FOUND AND REWARDS.  
LOST—Small purse containing diamond ring and money; reward. Love, 1619 1st st.

MARSHAL'S SALES.  
By virtue of a writ of execution, Calling to the attention of all persons having claims against the estate of the late JAMES W. PINCHOT, that the same will be sold at public auction, on Saturday, Aug. 29, at 3:30 P. M., one Italian and one American piano, and a safe. N. A. BRUNN, City Marshal.

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